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SUBJECT: FONSEC RABASA ADDRESS ON ECONOMIC CHARTER

1. FONSEC RABASA ADDRESSED JOINT LUNCHEON OF THE SECTION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW ON APRIL 26 (LATTER ORGANIZATION SPONSORED THREE-DAY SYMPOSIUM ON THE US, CANADA, AND MEXICO). RABASA'S SUBJECT WAS THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES. SPEECH ATTENDED BY 400-500.

2. RABASA REVIEWED THE PROGRESS OF ECHEVERRIA'S PROPOSAL AND GAVE FAMILIAR EXPOSITION OF ITS PURPOSES AND THE LEGAL CHARACTER WHICH GOM FEELS IT SHOULD HAVE. WITHOUT ELABORATING RABASA DID MENTION THAT THE CHARTER SHOULD BE "WELL-BALANCED."

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3. COMMENT: SPEECH WAS WELL GEARED TO A LUNCHEON, AMERICAN

AUDIENCE OF LEGAL PROFESSIONALS. IT WAS BRIEF, WITH CLEAR SYNTAX. RABASA COMPARED US DOMESTIC SOCIAL LEGISLATION ENACTED IN THE 1930'S TO WHAT CHARTER WOULD DO IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPHERE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT INTERNATIONAL LAW, GIVEN WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS ITS DEBT TO WESTERN AND SPECIFICALLY TO COMMON LAW, HAD SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY NOT TO CONSTITUTE AN OBSTACLE TO IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRESSIVE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND LEGAL ACTIONS BY THE WORLD COMMUNITY. RUSH

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